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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB85

I am an Oregonian and I urge you to support a moratorium on factory farms, SB 85. As an Oregonian, I know our state is unique and special. We have a deep sense of place and want to protect our local food system and our environment, including our air and water, for generations to come. Our climate, our communities, our special places, and our small farms are more important than industry profit.

Factory farms are harming our communities. They contribute to climate change, cause water and air pollution, harm the welfare of animals, and push family farms out of business. Factory farms are a significant contributor to the climate crisis already gripping Oregon, generating more greenhouse gas emissions than small and medium farms, especially pasture-based farms. Factory farms emit respiratory irritants like ammonia and hydrogen sulfide.

Despite this air pollution, Oregon currently has no regulatory controls to protect the health and wellbeing of surrounding neighbors or prevent a worsening climate crisis. Please address these issues by passing this moratorium on factory farms.